

Remarks/Arguments

Request for Reconsideration

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

Status of Claims

Claims 1 – 9 were pending.

Claims 4 – 6 were indicated to recite allowable subject matter.

Claim 1 is being amended to include the subject matter of Claim 4. Claim 1 is intended to present the subject matter of Claim 4, which was indicated to recite allowable subject matter.

Claim 5 is being re-written in independent form to include the features of its base Claim 1, and should be allowable.

Claim 6 is being re-written in independent form to include the subject matter of Claim 1, and should be allowable.

Claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled. Claims 7, 8, and 9, are essentially unchanged, the only substantive change being a dependency change for Claim 7. The claims have also been amended where indicated to address the objections and to place the reference numerals in parenthesis as requested by the Examiner.

Rejections on Prior Art

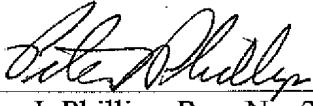
Applicant notes the prior art rejections. Without conceding that the cited references disclose applicant's claimed invention, but solely to advance prosecution, the claims have been amended to present only that subject matter of allowable Claims 4, 5, and 6, and other claims dependent therefrom. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Fees

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any fee is determined to be due, authorization is hereby given to charge the fee to deposit account #02-2275. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), please treat this and any concurrent or future reply in this application that requires a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. The fee associated therewith is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted

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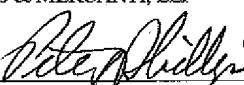
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